

## **RANKING OF CHARTER CHANGES FOR DISCUSSION- 2019**

The number at the end of each item indicates how it ranked. The lower the number, the higher committee members ranked it.

1. **Section 2.18 “Citizen’s Commission on Salaries”**. Revisions to the Salary Review Commission or potentially a different method of determining Council salaries. **1.6**
2. **Section 2.01 “Number, Terms”**. Voting by district as opposed to at-large elections for City Council. **3.4**

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3. **Section 2.01 “Number, Terms”**. Current requirement is to resign your seat on Council if you are seeking a different City Council position. Should this be expanded to apply to Councilmembers running for any other elective position? **6.2**
4. **Section 2.13-2.15 re: Ordinance adoption process and the timing of public comment**. Currently, public testimony on ordinances is taken on second reading rather than first reading, which does not allow modifications in response to public comments before the Council vote. **6.3**
5. **Section 2.08, “Vacancies in Council”**. There is minimal definition of the process to fill a Council vacancy; so Council defines its own process. Current Council policy is to make the applications for a vacant seat available to the public for review. Should that be required in the charter? **6.6**
6. **Section 2.05 “Powers and Duties”**. Requires the City Council to approve all bills and invoices including payroll before they are paid. This doesn’t sync up with the actual process the city uses (CFO requested this change). **7.4**
7. **Section 9.01 “Elections”**. Should Council elections be on even numbered years instead of odd? (RCW 29.13.024). **8.3**
8. **Section 2.05 “Powers & Duties”**. Gives Council authority to punish or expel its members but there is little detail. Council has an adopted an ethics policy. Does there need to be a more defined process in the charter? **8.6**
9. **Section 11.05 “Contracts Beyond One Year”**. Limits the term of City contracts to five years. However the City has a few contracts, like the waste water treatment plant operation, that are longer than five years, does this wording need to be revised? **9.3**

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10. **Section 10.07- 10.08 regarding Initiatives and Referendums** – there is an inconsistency regarding 30 day and 60 day timing. **10**
  11. **Section 2.02 “Qualifications”** Charter requires two year residency to run for Council. Washington State Constitution requires 30 days. Should the charter be changed to 30 days? **10.1**
  12. **Section 7.10 “Prohibitions”**. The anti-discrimination language has been updated but should there be some method to hold the City accountable for equity? **10.2**
  13. **Section 2.02 “Qualifications”** Councilmembers can be removed if convicted of a crime of “moral turpitude” – should this language be revised? **10.6**
  14. **Section 3.01 “City Manager Qualifications”**. Requires the City Manager to live inside the city limits. Should this be expanded to the urban growth boundary? **10.7**
  15. **Section 11.03 “Practice of Law by...”** Uses the term “police judge” which is not current terminology. Should that be replaced or removed? **13.1**
  16. **Section 11.04, “Investigations”**. Confusing wording from 1952. It says “The city council, or any person or committee authorized by either of them. **13.2**